(2) THE OPIUM AND DANGEROUS DRUGS (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL NO. 35 OF 1947)

* THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Mr. President, Sir, I move—

' *that the Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Madras Amendment) Bill*[a] (*L.A. Bill No.* 35 *of* 1947), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.*'

" Sir, this is a very simple matter. Under the Madras Opium Act, power is given to certain officers of the Excise, Police and Revenue departments to make searches and to seize contraband opium. Hon. Members of this House know that at the present moment eight districts in the Madras Province are being worked by Excise officers in the prohibition department. It is now sought to give the same power to the officers of the Excise offices. The present Bill is intended to give effect to that provision."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 35 of 1947) as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once."

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 2

Clause 2 was put and carried.

Clause 1.

Clause 1 was put and carried.

Preamble.

The preamble was put and carried.

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Sir, I now move—

' *that the Bill be passed into law.*' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

(3) THE MADRAS PROHIBITION (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL NO. 36 OF 1947).

* THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Mr. President, Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Prohibition (Temporary Amendment) Bill*[b] 1947 (*L.A. Bill No.* 36 *of* 1947), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

I believe, Sir, this is a formal matter. From the 1st of October 1947, prohibition has been enforced in the district of Guntur. In that district, there is a Government store-house at Vetapalem for

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a Printed as Appendix VIII on page 50 infra.
b Printed as Appendix IX on page 51 infra.